

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS BLAMED FOR DEATHS

Eight Warrants Issued for Violation of Law in Handling Explosives in New Jersey.

## DEATH LIST IS PLACED AT THIRTY

Charge of Criminal Negligence Also Made in Case of Powder Company Employees—No Permits Granted to Lighter Katherine W.

New York, Feb. 2.—Warrants were issued in Jersey City at 11:15 to-night for the arrest of seven officers and employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey and the Du Pont Powder company, and for James Healing, owner of the Katherine W., one of the two lighters which was destroyed in yesterday's explosion.

The men against whom the warrants were issued are A. Hamilton, general freight agent of the Jersey Central; J. M. Morris, the Jersey Central freight agent at Communipaw; Louis F. Galidetta, dockmaster at pier 7; Charles Riddler, checker at pier 7; Frederick Peters, manager of the Du Pont-de Nemours Powder Company; R. Morse, assistant manager of the Du Pont company; Capt. Burr St. John, superintendent of transportation of the Du Pont company, and James Healing, owner of the Katherine W.

There are two warrants against each of the eight men, one for manslaughter and the other for violation of the city ordinance of 1906, regarding permits for the handling of combustibles. Those responsible for the prosecution say that the charge of criminal negligence also will be involved in each case.

### SEEK TO FIX BLAME.

The New Jersey officials stirred themselves to-day to find out who was to blame for the explosion that killed thirty men, injured hundreds, and imperiled property on both sides of the river.

Jersey City and Hudson County officials had a conference to-night that lasted until nearly midnight. After it was over the information was given out that the railroad had been handling dynamite contrary to law for several years, and that civil and criminal actions will be brought. Prosecutor Garven, of Hudson County, and Inspector of Combustibles Connolly, after questioning employees of the Du Pont de Nemours Company and the Jersey Central Railroad, said that it was up to the railroad to explain why the Du Pont company was permitted to dump tons of giant powder on pier 7, in direct violation of the State law.

### An Old Offender.

To-day's preliminary investigation showed that the Katherine W., a small steamboat converted into a lighter, and which was blown to smithereens at noon yesterday, was an old offender in running dynamite through New York Harbor. James Healing, of Jersey City, who owned the boat and who leased her frequently to the Du Pont de Nemours people, admitted that the Katherine never had a license for handling powder, and he said he knew the Du Pont people had not gotten permits for the

Jeannie, the Whistler, and the Repton, their own lighters.

Inspector of Combustibles Connolly learned that the Katherine had been ordered away from Manhattan last December, and that the bureau of combustibles had seized 250 pounds of dynamite and 10,000 percussion caps. The Katherine had dropped on pier 5 in the East River, and sent them to Rikers Island.

No more bodies were recovered to-day, although fragments, absolutely undentifiable, were found here and there near pier 7. There was more reason than ever, however, for believing that perhaps thirty workmen and sailors were killed.

### Boat's Crew Lost.

James Healing, who owned the Katherine W., said that all of that boat's crew had been lost, as well as the Whistler, which, with the twelve Polacks employed in handling dynamite cases, brings the number to twenty-five. There is some evidence that half a dozen Polacks who were at the end of the pier to see their friends at the lunch hour were blown to pieces.

The railroad did not attempt to use divers to-day, because, as Vice President Bestor suggested, what would be the use? All of the men who were killed were blown to bits, and no more has been found of any man who was actually at the center of the explosion than portions of a body.

Only eight victims of the explosion are in the Jersey City hospital. The most seriously injured of these are John A. Deppon and Charles McNeil, the engineer of the lighter Emperor.

## MISS ARNOLD'S BROTHER THRASHES GRISCOM, JR.

Knocks Down Admirer of Girl and Takes Letters Away by Force, But Gets No Clue.

London, Feb. 2.—Dorothy Arnold's mother is now on her way back to New York. Your correspondent has learned positively that Mrs. Arnold sailed from Genoa several days ago after she had convinced herself that George S. Griscom, Jr., knew nothing about the young woman's present whereabouts.

It was not, however, until after young John W. Arnold, Dorothy's elder brother, had thrashed Griscom in the latter's room in a Florence hotel and had taken from Griscom's pockets while the man lay on the floor Dorothy's last letter to him, that the mother was persuaded that the Pittsburgher knew no more than herself as to where Miss Arnold is now.

Contrary to the reports from New York, disseminated apparently by a representa-

tive of the family, that the mother and the son did not come to Europe for the express purpose of interviewing Mr. Griscom. It may be stated as a fact that the Arnolds went from New York to Florence by the quickest possible route, and that their sole reason for coming abroad was to afford the mother an opportunity for making a personal appeal to Griscom.

Mrs. Arnold, it may be stated, had sent by Griscom through the general delivery in New York to her daughter and which were found in Miss Arnold's room after her disappearance, that there was abundant reason why she should interview Griscom, who was located in Florence by cable. Mrs. Arnold and her son sailed on January 5. On January

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## DANISH MINISTER'S CAR IS DAMAGED IN CRASH

Miss Lois Sprigg, daughter of Dr. William Mercer Sprigg, of the Westmoreland, had a narrow escape from serious injury yesterday afternoon when an automobile belonging to the Danish Minister collided with her electric machine at Eighteenth street and Massachusetts avenue northwest. The Danish Minister was not in his car.

According to a statement by Dr. Sprigg, who arrived on the scene just after the accident, both vehicles were moving west on Massachusetts avenue, the electric occupied by Miss Sprigg being on the right side of the street some feet from the curb. The automobile of the Danish Minister, also driven by a chauffeur, was on the outside of the electric, and attempted to swing in front of the small car and pass up Eighteenth street.

Before the chauffeur of the electric could bring his car to a stop the automobile came together with a crash. Miss Sprigg had the presence of mind to hold tightly to the side of the seat and thereby save herself from being thrown to the ground. Dr. Sprigg was visiting patients in his touring car, and arrived upon the scene just after the accident occurred.

The Danish Minister's car was damaged

to the amount of \$50, while the repairs necessary to the electric will cost about \$100.

Joseph B. Bennett, seventy-eight years old, of 16 Eleventh street northeast, was killed by an automobile driven by David R. Thomas, thirty-five years old, living at 729 Eleventh street southeast, on Massachusetts avenue, between Seventh and Eighth streets northeast.

According to the report at police headquarters, the automobile was going east on the south side of Massachusetts avenue at a speed of about six or seven miles an hour when Bennett stepped from the sidewalk in front of the car. According to the report, the accident was unavoidable.

Bennett was carried to Casualty Hospital in the automobile, accompanied by George A. Wood, of 14 A street northeast; Frank O'Neill, of Casualty Hospital; and Policeman Lester, of the Ninth precinct. He received a fracture of the leg above the knee and a laceration of the scalp.

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## MEXICAN REBELS EXPECT TO TAKE JUAREZ TO-DAY

Insurrectos in Control of Situation on Border.

## MAGAZINE IS DESTROYED

Defenders of Town Admit Conditions Appear Hopeless.

Effort to Send Reinforcements Fails Owing to Fact that Railroads Are Held by the Rebels—Former Secretary Garfield Prisoner on Harbored Train—Plans to Care for Wounded by Corps of Volunteer Nurses.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 2.—The rebels served notice to-night on the foreign consuls in Juarez that they would attack Friday afternoon between 3 and 6 o'clock.

El Paso, Feb. 2.—With 800 insurrectos marching on Juarez, about twelve miles distant to the south, all re-enforcements for the border town cut off, and less than 300 armed men, including volunteers, in the town, to-night the rebels say they will set up the capital of Chihuahua in El Paso's sister city before another twenty-four hours.

An attempt to get re-enforcements into Juarez from Casas Grandes, where Col. Robago and command have been fighting rebels and taking defeats for a week past, failed this afternoon, when the Mexican officials were unable to secure trainmen to run a train down the line after them. It would have been useless, as the insurrectos advancing on the town hold both the Mexican and the Mexico Northwestern roads and are advancing on the city in the shape of a fan.

### BLOW UP POWDER SUPPLY.

As showing the extremes to which the Juarez officials have been put they blew up their own powder supply this afternoon. They admit that they cannot hold out against the rebels, but are fortifying the city and preparing to resist. The powder house is about two miles from the city in the direction from which the rebels are approaching, and police sent out at 6 o'clock to-night touched a fuse to the building and sent it up in smoke and flame.

The only clash so far between the advancing rebels and the federals came this morning between midnight and daylight, when the federal cavalry sent out last night to intercept the rebels wrecked a train on which the enemy was carrying

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## SEMINARY GIRLS CAUGHT SMOKING

Twenty Students in Fashionable School Use Cigarettes.

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 2.—A report has reached Harrisonburg that twenty girls have been expelled from the fashionable Greenbriar Institute, north of Lynchburg, in an effort to keep secret the school authorities made every effort to keep secret the expulsion, but it is reported that a student from the valley wrote to her father to assure him that she was not one of the girls that had got in trouble about smoking cigarettes. This let the story out.

Greenbriar Institute draws its students from the wealthiest and most aristocratic families in Virginia. It is said that the school girls so summarily dismissed from the school quietly packed their trunks and dispersed to their homes on one of their "periodical" visits.

It is reported that the girls would gather in certain rooms after "taps" and enjoy their smokes. When the matter reached the ears of the faculty, it said, it was at once decided that drastic steps would be taken to break up the growing cigarette habit. The wholesale expulsion was the result.

## ARCHBISHOP IS DYING

Message to Pope Pius May Be His Last Words.

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—The archbishop is in a comatose state. His pulse is weaker than at any time heretofore. He may not survive the night.

This statement was given out at midnight by the doctors in attendance on Archbishop Ryan.

Several hours before the bulletin was issued the venerable archbishop, fighting off the dimming veil of unconsciousness, dictated, in what may prove to have been his last words, a message to Pope Pius. It was an answer to a cablegram received earlier in the day inquiring about his condition.

## WORLD-WIDE WAR AGAINST VICIOUS DRUGS PLANNED

Fight on Opium, Morphine, and Cocaine Traffic.

## NATIONS TO JOIN HANDS

United States to Be Prominent in the Crusade.

An International Conference at The Hague Next May Will Endeavor to Control the Manufacture of Evil-Doing Drugs—Two of the American Representatives Already Selected. China and England Interested.

International war is to be declared against opium, morphine, and cocaine.

For many years the struggle to reduce the use of opium has been in progress. Now, however, there is planned a world-wide fight against all the insidious and vicious drugs which are playing havoc with the human race.

### PLAN OF WARFARE.

The plan of warfare will be outlined and agreed upon at an international conference to be held at The Hague on the 30th of next May, when thirteen nations will be represented.

The conference was originally intended to discuss the opium traffic, exclusively, but a short time ago, at the behest of Great Britain, one of the powers to be represented at the conference, morphine and cocaine were added to the subjects of discussion. Italy followed shortly after with the demand that the conference not only find ways to restrict the world's traffic in opium and other drugs, but the deadly cannabis or hashish, made from Indian hemp, which is dealt in by smugglers on Italian shores.

### United States Will Go the Limit.

The State Department, it was yesterday, will go further. In coming delegates to the conference, United States will promulgate laws covering the entire field of forming drugs, so that the commission from America will not only signatory powers as regards traffic in main drugs which are threatening mankind all over the world, but will have liberty to go as far as any nation wishes in imposing restrictive measures on any other drug.

### American Delegates Selected.

Two of the American delegates to The Hague will be Right Rev. Charles H. Brent, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of the Philippines, and Dr. Hamilton Wright, of the State Department, both of whom served on the opium commission which met at Shanghai two years ago. He said they would carry on the fight in the Senate.

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## DEFEATED BOOMER BLAMES PRESIDENT

New Orleans Folks Will Make Best of Situation.

New Orleans, Feb. 2.—T. P. Thompson, chairman of the New Orleans Panama Exposition Company, who returned from Washington to-day, after the campaign which ended in the selection of San Francisco for the exposition in 1915, to celebrate the completion of the Panama Canal, declared, in an interview, that New Orleans had not lost the exposition yet. He said they would carry on the fight in the Senate.

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### WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, fair, colder to-day; to-morrow, unsettled; moderate northerly winds, becoming variable.

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"New York and Florida Special." 5th season of the finest train operated to Florida, Cuba, South Atlantic Coast Line. Trip to N. Y. via New York.

## G. O. P. LEADERS OF HOUSE LOSE OUT IN CAUCUS

"Lame Ducks" Hold Whip Hand on Apportionment.

## BENNET HITS AT SOUTH

Resolution Demanding Action at This Session Adopted.

Result of Discard at Lively Session. Means that Apportionment Legislation Will Fall Unless Pact Is Effected Between Majority of Republicans and Main Body of Democrats—Fourteen States Would Lose.

The House Republicans held a caucus last night, and the affair was a lively one from start to finish. It was called for the purpose of formulating a plan of party action on a bill apportioning representation in Congress in accordance with the results of the census of 1910.

Two resolutions were adopted, one providing that an apportionment bill shall be passed at this session, and the other indorsing a measure providing for a House of 391 members, as at present. The latter proposition was the cause of all the trouble.

Regular Republicans as well as insurgent Republicans announced that the caucus bill did not meet with their approval, and they gave notice that they would not be bound by the action of last night.

### LEADING TALKERS.

Mr. Bennett, of New York, was the leading talker in the caucus. He was supported by Mr. Keane, of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Kibben, of New York. Mr. Bennett said that he had no personal antipathy or feeling against the Commission, Mr. Bennett referred to the fact that an evening paper some time ago printed a series of articles portraying deplorable conditions in certain licensed liquor places. After that, he continued, "The Commission appointed an inspector of licenses the grandson of William D. Kelley, who for thirty years was a member of Congress from Pennsylvania. This young gentleman's name," said Mr. Bennett, "was F. Oden Horstmann, well and favorably known in the city of Washington, a young man of means, who took his appointment seriously, and commenced to investigate and inspect the saloons."

One of the first cases assigned him was that of George T. Harper, against whom Mr. Horstmann reported on a number of charges which Mr. Bennett set forth at length. "What became of the recommendation?" asked Mr. Madden. "They were not paid attention to," was the reply, "and the excuse board proceeded to grant a license."

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## DOUBLE TRAGEDY ON CHURCH STEPS

Jealous Man Kills Fiancee and Then Himself.

Harrisonburg, Va., Feb. 2.—Fitzhugh Comer, a farmer aged twenty-eight, shot and killed his sweetheart, Cora Turner, aged twenty, this afternoon and then killed himself in the Blue Ridge section at Naked Creek, Page County, near Rockingham line.

The couple were engaged, and recently Comer became jealous of a neighbor, Fitzhugh Hammer. Four times he had threatened to kill the girl if she continued to receive Hammer's attentions. This morning Comer heard the couple were exchanging letters. With a single-barreled shotgun he went to the girl's house.

The pair strolled to the churchyard near by. After an hour's talk, the girl's little sister heard a shot. Comer fired a load into the girl's shoulder, and when she did not fall he reloaded and fired again below the heart. Again reloading, he emptied the load into his breast and died instantly.

The girl lived eight minutes. Her mother is prostrate and in a serious condition. The parents are William Turner and Hiram Comer, both farmers. The tragedy happened on the steps of a country church.

### FLIES 493 MILES.

French Army Aviator Goes Long Distance Cross Country.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Capt. Bellenger, the army aviator, who started on a 500-mile trip from Vincennes to Pau yesterday and who stopped at Bordeaux last night, returned at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon for the completion of his journey. The distance traversed yesterday was 300 miles, so there remains 100 miles to be traveled this afternoon.

Capt. Bellenger arrived at Pau, 10 miles from Bordeaux, at 4:10. He flew a total of 60 miles in seven hours and fourteen minutes.

## DENY DISTRICT LIQUOR LAWS ARE VIOLATED

Charges of Irregularities Made by Representative Bennet in House Refuted by Officials.

## HORSTMANN'S DATA USED

Explanation Made to Commissioners by Assistant Assessor Kibben—Attorney Keane Details His Connection With Transactions.

Allegations that certain District liquor licenses had been secured under circumstances that warranted investigation, were made upon the floor of the House yesterday by Representative Bennet, of New York, and were emphatically denied last night by the parties named in Mr. Bennet's speech.

### SUBMITS HORSTMANN'S LETTER.

Mr. Bennet laid before the House a letter written to the District Commissioners by F. Oden Horstmann on January 20, in which he cited a large number of real estate transactions in which Samuel T. Kibben, an assessor; Roger Williams, clerk of the excise board; M. J. Keane, an attorney, and Alma L. Rinck, a stenographer in Mr. Keane's office, were concerned.

After stating that he had no personal antipathy or feeling against the Commissioners, Mr. Bennet referred to the fact that an evening paper some time ago printed a series of articles portraying deplorable conditions in certain licensed liquor places. After that, he continued, "The Commission appointed an inspector of licenses the grandson of William D. Kelley, who for thirty years was a member of Congress from Pennsylvania. This young gentleman's name," said Mr. Bennett, "was F. Oden Horstmann, well and favorably known in the city of Washington, a young man of means, who took his appointment seriously, and commenced to investigate and inspect the saloons."

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## CAPITAL CHURCHES UNITE IN GREAT CELEBRATION

Men and Women Known Throughout World for Their Efforts Toward Christianizing the Heathen Address Large Audiences.

More than 175 churches in every section of Washington were crowded to the doors last night with audiences who came to celebrate with song and speech the fiftieth anniversary of the woman's foreign missionary jubilee, which held the opening rally in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the morning.

Speeches were made by men and women known throughout the civilized world for their efforts toward Christianizing heathen in all Eastern lands. Well-known pastors pleaded that more interest would be shown in this work and that their parishioners would dig down into their pockets to aid the cause.

It was estimated that during the day fully 25,000 persons attended the meetings, which, for the most part, were conducted under the personal supervision of the visiting delegates and the District committee.

One after another, each in charge of a different department of the work, and ranging from doctors to Sunday school teachers, rose and told of the benighted peoples across the seas, who needed Western men and women and money to bring to them the tidings of Christ.

### Their Life Described.

Revolting descriptions of the life led by countless millions of Chinese and women and natives of India were given in full, and a way pointed out for their betterment, morally, physically, and spiritually.

In the vast majority of cases, the audience signified their perfect sympathy with the world-renowned movement, and pledged themselves to aid to the best of their ability.

At the Church of the Epiphany, Bishop Harding presided and delivered an address. He spoke of the immeasurable good that had been accomplished by the organization during the fifty years of its existence and gave a detailed description of its aims and work.

Dr. Robert W. Andrews, for twelve years a missionary to Japan, gave a graphic account of the early struggles to gain a foothold in the "Land of the Rising Sun." He told how the first church was established over a fish market and how it had grown to a flourishing institution.

Dr. Andrews, in speaking of the devotion of the Japanese convert who has been accused of being "a rice Christian," said that they made more personal sacrifices to become followers of Christ than a great many Americans.

Miss Julia C. Evans, of the Woman's Auxiliary Society, made a short address. A mass meeting was held for colored women at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church. The speakers were Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, president of the Woman's National Foreign Missionary Society.

The letter concludes as follows: "While I have always felt that Mr. Horstmann was thoroughly irresponsible,

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